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RESOLUTION

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NATIONAL LATINO PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

SUPPORT TO ALLOCATE AN ADDITIONAL 30 MHZ BROADBANDSPECTRUM IN THE UPPER 700 MHZ BAND TO PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENABLE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY BROADBAND NETWORK

WHEREAS, today's public safety and law enforcement personnel have the greatest of need for the right to use the most advanced communications services that are obtainable, and increased public safety and emergency response needs necessitate first responders have access to the most modern broadband technologies and services being developed for commercial network clientele, and;

WHEREAS, the planned accessibility to recovered broadcaster spectrum in the upper 700 MHz band affords our Nation an exceptional and irreplaceable chance to secure adequate contiguous spectrum to support a next generation, national broadband network that would be built, operated and maintained for the foremost benefit of public safety and defense of the homeland and her citizens whose safety and possessions they are tasked to safeguard, and;

WHEREAS, the broadband communications needs of our nation's first responders have become more obvious and persuasive in a post 9/11 environment, the existing spectrum allocations to public safety have been well documented as insufficient for those purposes, and it is in the Nations public interest to provide first responders access to adequate suitable spectrum to rapidly advance the development of a next generation broadband nationwide public safety network, and;

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WHEREAS, our Nation has a one-time opportunity to take advantage of the clearance of a nationwide block of 30 MHz of contiguous frequencies in the 700 MHz spectrum band which is adjacent to spectrum currently occupied by public safety and is spectrum perfectly matched for the establishment of a next-generation broadband nationwide network because of its unique physical properties, and;

WHEREAS, our Nation will lose a tremendous opportunity to improve public safety communications through enhanced operability and interoperability, and conceivably its last meaningful chance of creating a fully interoperable, advanced nationwide public safety communications system, capable of linking each and every local, state, tribal and federal emergency first responder, and necessary to securing and defending the homeland, if a debate is not initiated to license this spectrum to public safety for a nationwide broadband network before the spectrum is auctioned off and lost forever;

WHEREAS, there resides a proposal within the Federal Communications Commission that would provide for a Public Safety Broadband Trust of spectrum for a next generation, seamless, nationwide broadband network able to combine broadband data services such as video, text messaging, diagrams, advanced push to talk, and photos not obtainable in existing public safety systems using 30 MHz of spectrum scheduled to be auctioned by the FCC, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NLPOA strongly supports the allocation of 30 MHz of spectrum in the upper 700 MHz band to be held in trust for public safety to create a nationwide public safety broadband network, and that the NLPOA membership energetically engage their relevant federal government policymakers of the executive and legislative branches, as well as at the Federal Communications Commission and direct efforts to accomplish the purpose of developing a nationwide broadband public safety communications network for the entire first responder community.

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